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Info Letter Master premoscience



Dear new Master Neuroscience Student, please find the following information:

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To our prospective new master's students:

Congratulations on your admission, and welcome to our program!

We (the student body, the program director, and the course coordinator and administrator of Master Neuroscience) have compiled this **information package** to help you decide whether to accept admission to study neuroscience in Oldenburg.

Is the Neuroscience Master's program in Oldenburg right for you?

Our program is dedicated to **basic science** and primarily covers the nervous systems of vertebrate and invertebrate **animals**. It focusses on **sensory**, **behavioral**, **and computational neuroscience**. The Master Neuroscience program at University of Oldenburg is **not** a psychology program (unlike Master Neurocognitive Psychology) and does **not** primarily focus on clinical applications (unlike Master Molecular Biomedicine). While neuroscience students may choose elective modules from these programs if space is available, we expect them to be primarily interested in neuroscience at all levels: molecular, cellular, network, and behavioral.

What can you expect from the Master Neuroscience program?

After two **orientation weeks** (September 29th – October 10th), a seven-week period of joint **introductory courses** will establish the necessary background knowledge in neurobiology, Python programming, and wet lab skills. The knowledge and skills acquired in these courses are prerequisites for subsequent modules. During the first six weeks, the neurobiology and programming courses are hybrid to facilitate the transition into the program for students experiencing visa delays. All students must arrive in Oldenburg before the hands-on lab course begins on November 24th.

For the rest of the first year, students choose background and skills courses from a long list of Master Neuroscience modules. The second year focuses on scientific projects. Before writing their master's thesis, students perform at least one research project in Oldenburg or an external institution. They may also attend modules from neighboring disciplines, study abroad, or complete a second research project. This **flexible program structure** gives our students a unique opportunity to develop their **own curriculum and profile**. Therefore, independent thinking, self-organization, and decision-making skills are required for successful graduation.

Which important dates should you keep in mind?

- ⇒ You should arrive in Oldenburg by September 28, 2025!
- ⇒ In case of visa delays, the latest possible on-campus enrollment date is November 24, 2025!
- ⇒ More dates for the 2025/2026 academic year are listed on the next page

The academic year at the University of Oldenburg consists of two semesters: The winter semester runs from October to March and includes two orientation weeks and a two-week winter break during which the university is closed. In the Neuroscience program, we divide the winter semester into three periods with different module options. The summer semester runs from April to September. The 14 weeks from April to mid-July are divided into two periods. No courses are offered for the Master Neuroscience program from mid-July to the end of September, but students can work on individual research projects. The recommended yearly workload is 60 ECTS, referring to a total of 1800 hours. One ECTS is defined as 30-hour workload, including time for individual study, such as reading, exam preparation, and writing reports.

Where do you get more information?

- ⇒ In this information package and during the orientation week!
- ⇒ At the Master Neuroscience program homepage: https://uol.de/en/master-neuroscience
- ⇒ The **international office homepage** provides plenty of useful information for international students: https://uol.de/en/study-in-oldenburg
- ⇒ Contact the **Student Body Neuroscience** with questions about the student's perspective on the program and studying in Oldenburg: fachschaft.neuroscience@uni-oldenburg.de
- ⇒ Contact the **Program Coordination Team** Prof. Jutta Kretzberg, Stephanie Voss, and Emely Meinke with questions about the program's content and structure: master-neuroscience@uni-oldenburg.de
- ⇒ Contact Gernot Lucks at the **Registrar's Office** with questions about the admission procedure: admission.master@uni-oldenburg.de

We look forward to welcoming you to our highly international and interdisciplinary group of students soon!

Best regards,

Prof. Dr. Jutta Kretzberg

Julia Kretzberg

Program Director Master Neuroscience

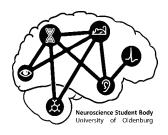


Master Neuroscience 2025/26 Academic Year



- Two weeks after receiving the admission letter: Accept your admission via email to admission.master@uni-oldenburg.de
- September 1 24 and September 30, 2025: Online registration and online placement test for German courses. German courses are optional but recommended. One German course can be credited with 6 ECTS (without a grade). The placement test will be held online on September 30 at 10 a.m. and is mandatory for all students who wish to take a German course.
- September 26 + October 2 + October 10: Online / Hybrid Introductory Course in Statistics.

 Mandatory for students with conditional admission requiring an exam in statistics and programming, optional for all other interested first-semester students.
- September 29 October 2, 2025: International Welcome Week. The international office offers this event to all international students: https://uol.de/en/io/study-in-oldenburg/welcome-week
- October 06 10, 2025: Neuroscience Orientation Week. This event is organized by the student body, program coordinator, and director for all new Master Neuroscience students, both international and German. Information sessions will be hybrid, but on-campus participation is strongly encouraged. Make sure to attend to receive all the necessary information for your studies!
- October 08, 2025: Winter Semester Module Selection. After an introduction to the winter semester modules and a session on planning your curriculum, you will complete an online form to select your modules. You will be enrolled in your selected modules by October 10.
- October 13, 2025 January 30, 2026: "Winter semester lecture time" Weekly skills modules and German courses are offered for 14 weeks and can be combined with the blocked modules.
- October 13 November 20, 2025: Introductory modules in neurobiology and in Python programming (6 ECTS each). These modules provide the necessary background knowledge for all subsequent modules and will be streamed for students arriving late due to visa delays.
- November 24, 2025: Latest possible on-campus enrollment date for students with visa delays.
- November 24 28, 2025: Lab Introduction Course. This uncredited, hands-on course is mandatory for students who have been conditionally admitted and are required to take an additional neuroscience exam. It is also highly recommended for all students without wet lab experience.
- **December 1, 2025 January 30, 2026: Second Winter Semester Period** (7 weeks) during which you may choose up to two background modules, plus continued skills or German courses.
- December 20, 2025 January 4, 2026: Winter break. The university is closed during this time.
- February 2 April 3, 2026: The third Period of the winter semester has fewer blocked modules, allowing students to take individual breaks.
- April 6 May 22, 2026: First Summer Semester Period (7 weeks) during which you may choose one or two practical background modules, plus a semester-long skills module.
- May 25 July, 10 (or 17, depending on module), 2026: Second Summer Semester Period (7-8 weeks), during which you can choose a practical background module, combined with a second background module or a team project (8 weeks), while semester-long skills courses continue.
- Mid-July October 4: Summer break with the option of taking individual research modules, but no background or skills courses.
- October 5-9, 2026: Join the orientation week for new Master Neuroscience students ©



Moin fellow student!

With perhaps the most important word in Oldenburg (everyone here says "Moin" when they greet someone else), we are excited to welcome you to our Master's program in **Neuroscience!** We are the Student Body (you can see a part of us in a nice photo below) and we will help you find your way around here. You can reach us when you want someone to talk to, be it about your day or about a problem you encounter during your studies.



In the **Orientation Week (October 6-10, 2025)**, we will hit the ground running! This will be a whole week to get to know your fellow students, professors, and us. We will explain the structure of the program and help you make your schedule. Therefore, we would say it is worth it to be there! \bigcirc

Please find below the proposed schedule and note that it is possible for some of the dates to suffer changes. Therefore, we advise you to also check our Instagram profile from time to time. Feel free to contact us in whatever way suits you best (email, Instagram, carrier pigeon, message in a bottle, etc.) if you have any questions in advance.

We look forward to seeing you in early October!

Your Student Body Neuroscience

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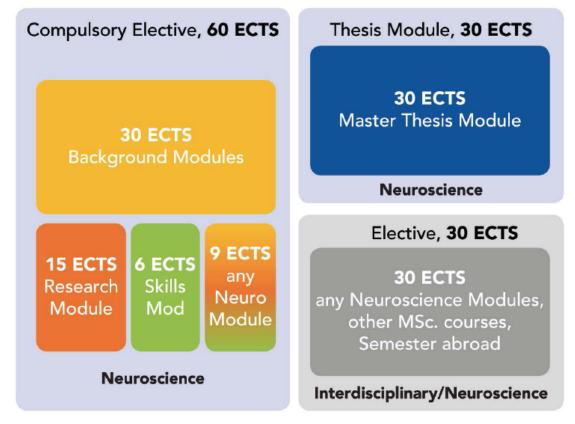
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	(preliminary) MS	Sc Neuroscience Orientation W	eek Schedule 🧠	
Monday, 6.10.2025	Tuesday, 7.10.2025	Wednesday, 8.10.2025	Thursday, 9.10.2025	Friday, 10.10.2025
	Introduction to Neuroscience Modules Time: morning Place: TBD	Planning your curriculum Time: 9-12pm Place: TBD		Studi.Ip Introduction Time: 9-10 Place: TBD
		Module Registration Deadline at 13:00		Statistics Intro Time: 10:30-16:30 Place: TBD & online (Hybrid)
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Welcome & Overview Time: 14:00-16:00 Place: TBD	Introduction to joint Biology & Neuroscience Modules Time: afternoon Place: TBD	MANDATORY: Lab Safety Instruction Time: 13:00-14:00 Place: W32-005	Introduction to Neuroscience Research Groups Time: 13:15-14:30 Place: TBD	
Wechloy Campus Tour Time: 17:00 - 18:00 Place: TBD			Pretzel Chat Relax Time: 17:00 - open end Place: TBD	
Werewolf Game Night Time: 18:00 - 22:00 Place: TBD		City Rallye Time: TBD Place: TBD		Bar Evening Time: TBD Place: TBD

Last Updated: 3.6.2025



Program Structure



The Master Neuroscience program takes **two years** to earn 120 ECTS credits. (In Germany it is possible to study for more than two years without negative consequences, except for paying the semester fees for a longer period.)

After a seven-week **joint introduction period** comprising the Background module "Biological foundations of neuroscience" (6 ECTS) and the Skills module "Neuroscientific Data Analysis in Python" (6 ECTS), as well as a hands-on lab introduction (uncredited), you can design your own curriculum according to your interests by choosing modules from a variety of topics and course types:

- Background modules (minimum of 30 ECTS) provide background knowledge on a neuroscientific topic. Most of these courses are organised in block courses (in one semester period and between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.). They comprise lectures, seminars, and often hands-on practical experience (lab or programming). Practical background modules have limited capacity.
- Skills modules (minimum of 6 ECTS) Professional skills beyond the specifics of neuroscience are developed in skills courses. Topics include programming and statistical data analysis, journal clubs, science communication, and ethical discussions. Skills modules with 6 ECTS are graded, while modules with 3 ECTS are ungraded (pass / fail). Skills modules are offered after 4 p.m. or as block courses in February or March. Therefore, they can be combined well with other courses. Most students choose to take more than 6 ECTS of skills modules.
- Research modules (minimum of 15 ECTS) are individual student research projects in conducted in the supervisor's lab. The goal is to gain experience in independent research, including conducting experiments, reviewing background literature, and presenting results.
 One research module has 15 ECTS and typically consists of six to eight weeks lab time plus time for preparation and for writing the report. (15 ECTS is one quarter of the credits

obtained in one year, so please expect 2-3 months of full-time work in total.) Research module projects are performed in one of the neuroscientific research groups at the University of Oldenburg. Projects at external universities, research institutions, or company science laboratories in Germany or abroad are also possible. Most groups are flexible with the timing of research modules, it is your responsibility to contact your preferred supervisor to find an available slot. You can do two or even three individual research modules with different supervisors. Additionally, some of the groups offer a 'neuroscience team project' (9 ECTS) that takes place in the final 5 weeks of the summer semester. In these team projects groups of two to four students work together to apply the methods learned in previous background modules to plan, perform, present, and evaluate a short research project.

- The master's thesis (mandatory 30 ECTS) is a six-month individual research project comprising practical work (experimental laboratory or programming, and data analysis) and theoretical work (literature research, group seminars, thesis writing). The master's thesis project can be conducted in any of the neuroscience-related groups in Oldenburg, or at a different research institution or university. The written thesis (27 ECTS) and an oral presentation of the results (3 ECTS) will be graded by two examiners. At least one of them must be a teacher in the Master Neuroscience program (see the list of examiners). Please note that an external master's thesis will only be approved for students who completed an individual research module at the University of Oldenburg.
- Electives: Of course, all courses of the MSc Neuroscience curriculum are eligible to complete your transcript to a total of 120 ECTS. Alternatively, you may choose up to 30 ECTS (one semester) from a list of pre-approved modules from related master's programs, including all modules from 'Neurosciences' esychology', 'Molecular Biomedicine', and the M.Sc. program 'Neurosciences' at University of Bremen. This list also contains selected modules from 'Biology' and 'Physics, Engineering and Medicine', as well as up to 6 ECTS language courses (ungraded). With the examination committee's approval, you can take electives from other M.Sc. programs at the University of Oldenburg or other universities. This allows you to study abroad for up to one semester.

Please find attached the **list of all M.Sc. Neuroscience modules** and their **preliminary planned course times** for the winter semester of 2025/26, as will as the list of possible module combinations and required skills. For your reference, we have also included the list of module combinations for the summer semester 2025. However, keep in mind that this plan may change for some of the courses. Please check the **program homepage** frequently for updates on the semester plan and the orientation week: https://uol.de/en/master-neuroscience

Once you are enrolled, you will have access to University of Oldenburg's eLearning platform **Stud.IP** (https://elearning.uni-oldenburg.de/). There, you will find up-to-date information about our program, each module, and University Oldenburg in general. During the orientation week, we will introduce you to the platform and the modules, and you will also get the opportunity to discuss your curriculum individually with members of the student body, and the program director before selecting your modules on Wednesday, October 8.

Conditional admission

Please check your formal admission letter if you received a **conditional admission** to the program. In so, you will have to **pass an additional exam at the end of the first semester** to prepare you for your master's studies. You will **not** receive credit or a grade for this exam, nor will it be listed on your certificate.

If you are required to take a neuroscience exam:

The purpose of your conditional admission is to acquire in the first semester the basic knowledge and neurobiological vocabulary that are necessary for your successful participation in all our modules.

You will be enrolled to the following courses:

- neu350 Biological Foundations of Neuroscience: It is highly recommended to take this module in the first period of the first semester, in which you can obtain 6 ECTS and at the same time prepare for your conditional admission exam. The details of the conditional admission exam will be explained in the first session of module neu350.
- 6.03.002 Introductory course Neurobiology: The 'course' does not take place as a separate seminar but complements neu350. You must study chapters 1-15 of the textbook "Neuroscience" (6th edition) by Purves, Augustine, Fitzpatrick, Hall & LaMantia (Oxford University Press, 2018). You may study these chapters at your own pace and at a time that is convenient for you. You may begin preparing before the semester begins by reading the textbook chapters.
- 6.03.003 Introductory Course Lab Techniques: This course is designed to teach students without wet lab experience the basic skills. It prepares you for the conditional admission exam and you will need these skills in all modules that include lab work.

If you are required to take a statistics / programming exam:

The purpose of your conditional admission is that you acquire in the first semester the data analysis skills that are necessary for successfully participating in many of our modules, as well as for preparaing for your research module(s) and the Master's thesis.

You will be enrolled to the following courses:

- neu715 Neuroscientific Data Analysis in Python: It is highly recommended that you take
 this module during the first period of the first semester. By doing so, you can obtain 6 ECTS
 while preparing for your conditional admission exam.
- '6.02.001 Introductory Course Statistics' is an online / hybrid seminar that is taught in three sessions before the start of the winter semester. You will receive more information via email in September.

26.09.25	10.30-16.30	online
02.10.25	09.00-13.00	online
10.10.25	10.30-16.30	hybrid

• '6.03.001 - Introductory Course Programming' is not a separate course, but rather, it is used to organize the exam at the end of the first semester. The exam will cover the material from of the first few weeks of the module neu715 'Neuroscientific data analysis in Python' and of the course '6.02.001 - Introductory Course Statistics'.

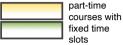
In case you already want to start with your preparation before the semester, please refer to a statistics book of your choice and / or watch out for online tutorials on Python programming.

List of all M.Sc. Neuroscience Modules (year 2025/26) https://uol.de/en/master-neuroscience/

- 1		l l			Winter S	emester	Semester	Summer	Semester	
	Sem.	NR	Module	Teachers	1. Half	2. Half	break	1. Half	2. Half	break
	1		Optional lab introduction course	Dübbel	No credits					
	1		Optional statistics introduction course	Hildebrandt	No credits					
	1	neu350	Biological Foundations of Neuroscience	Greschner, Jüschke	6 CP					
	3	bio845	Introduction Development & Evolution	Sienknecht, Claußen	6 CP					
	3	bio846	Lab Exercise in Devo & Evo	Sienknecht, Claußen	6 CP					
	3	bio605	Molecular Genetics & Cell Biology	Neidhardt, Jüschke, Koch	12 CP					
	3	neu320	Introduction to Neurophysics	Anemüller, Dietz	weekly co	urse 6 CP				
	1/3	bio695	Biochem. Conc. in Signal Transduct.	Koch, Scholten		12 CP				
3	1/3	neu210	Neurosensory Science & Behaviour	Langemann, Mouritsen, Albert		9 CP				
3	1/3	neu220	Neurocognition & Psychopharmacology	Thiel		6 CP				
5	1/3	neu246	Comp. Neurosci. Biophysical Models	Ashida, Kretzberg		6 CP				
Dackground Modules	1/3	neu242	Comp. Neurosci. Encoding & Decoding	Greschner, Clemens			6 CP			
b	2	neu141	Visual Neurosci Physiology & Anatomy	Greschner, Dedek, Ahlers, Dömer				12 CP		
3	2	psy270	Functional MRI Data Analysis	Gießing				9 CP		
	2	neu380	Neuroethology & -genetics: Insects	Albert, Clemens				6 CP		
	2	neu385	Neural Bases of Behaviour	Clemens, Albert				6 CP		
	2	neu310	Psychophysics of Hearing	Beutelmann					12 CP	
	2	neu360	Auditory Neuroscience	Ashida, Puschmann					6 CP	
	2	neu250	Comp. Neurosci Statistical Learning	Anemüller, Rieger					6 CP	
	2	neu340	Invertebrate Neurosci - Neurophysiology	Kretzberg					6 CP	
	2	neu650	Neuroscience Team Project	Kretzberg, Albert, Clemens, Rieger					9 CP	
	1	neu715	Neuroscientific Data Analysis in Python	Clemens	6 CP					
	3	neu725	Multivariate Statistics in R	Hildebrandt	Weekly co	urse 6 CP				
	1/3	neu790	Communicating Neuroscience	Kretzberg, Albert	weekly co	urse 3 CP				
	1/3	gsw200	Microscopic Imaging Biological Sciences	Dedek	weekly co	urse 3 CP				
	1/2/3	neu820	Neuroscience Journal Club	Mertsch			3 CP	weekly co	urse 3 CP	
	1/2/3	neu751	Laboratory Animal Science	Helgers			3 CP			3 CP
	1/3	neu780	Biological Data Analysis with Python	Winklhofer			6 CP			
	1/3	neu760	Scientific English	Albert			6 CP			
	1/3	neu830	Neuroanatomy of the Brain	Maier			3 CP			
	1	neu800	Introduction to Matlab	Gießing			3 CP			
	1/3	neu730	Biosciences in public eye and laws	Sienknecht				weekly co	ourse 6 CP	
	1/2/3	neu840	Perceptual Illusions	Beutelmann	weekly co	urse 3 CP		weekly co	ourse 3 CP	
	1/2/3	neu900	Recent Skills for Neuroscience	Puschmann (more options possible)	weekly co	urse 3 CP		weekly co	ourse 3 CP	
	3/4	neu810	International Meeting Contribution	Kretzberg			3 CP flexi	ble timing		
į	2/3/4	neu600	Neuroscience Research Project (see list)	all teachers: See list of examiners			15 CP flex	tible timing		
	2/3/4	neu610	External Research Module	all teachers: See list of examiners			15 CP flex	tible timing		
		mam	Master Thesis Module	all teachers: See list of examiners			30 CP flex	tible timing		

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CP credit point, ECTS (30h work load)

Program requirements:

- 30 ECTS Master Thesis Module
- 30 ECTS Background Modules
- 15 ECTS Research Modules
- · 6 ECTS Skills Modules
- 9 ECTS any further module(s) from Neuroscience curriculum
- 30 ECTS Elective: any further Neuroscience module(s) or (subject to approval) courses from other M.Sc. programs, from other universities, or from abroad.

Research modules

neu600 and neu610 offer several project options and can be credited up to three times for different projects. An external Master thesis requires prior completion of neu600.

Recommendations:

- · Column 'Sem.' lists the recommended semester for each module, but it is possible to join any module later than recommended (and some students join a module earlier than recommended.)
- First semester starting point: The combination of 'biological foundations' (neu350) and 'Python' (neu715) is not mandatory but recommended, as it provides the basis knowledge for other modules.
- Students with little or no experience in experimental lab work and / or statistics are recommended to take the uncredited optional courses, which are also a preparation for the conditional admission exams.
- Research modules are individual research projects in a neuroscience lab (see list of supervisors and options in Stud.IP). It is recommended to take at least one background or skills module with the supervisor before joining his / her group for a research module. Research modules are often flexible in time, e.g. allowing combination with weekly courses, or modules from other MSc programs.
- Elective: Please find a list of approved courses from other M.Sc. programs at our homepage http://www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/master-neuroscience.de

Preliminary planned time slots for M.Sc. Neuroscience modules in winter term 2025/2026. Please check Stud.IP for updates!

Recom- mended	no.	Module	ECTS	Before week 1	Period 1 Week 1 1317.10	Period 1 Week 2 2024.10.	Period 1 Week 3 2731.10.	Period 1 Week 4 0307.11.	Period 1 Week 5 1014.11.	Period 1 Week 6 1721.11.	Period 1 Week 7 2428.11.	Period 2 Week 8 0105.12.	Period 2 Week 9 0812.12.	Period 2 Week 10 1519.12.25	Period 2 Week 11 0509.01.26	Period 2 Week 12 1216.01.	Period 2 Week 13 1923.01.	Period 2 Week 14 2630.01.	Period 3 Week 15 0206.02.	Period 3 Week 16 0913.02.	Period 3 Week 17 1620.02.	Period 3 Week 18 2327.02	Period 3 Week 19 0206.03.	Period 3 Week 20 0913.03.	Period 3 Week 21 1620.03.	Period 3 Week 22 2327.03.	Period 3 Week 23 30.0303.04.
Sem.	6.03.001	Introductory Statistics (optional / admission condition)		26.9. 10.30-16.30 online 02.10. 9-13 online 10.10. 10.30-16.30 hybrid	1317.10	2024.10.	2731.10.	0307.11.	1014.11.	1721.11.	2426.11.	0105.12.	0612.12.	1519.12.25	0509.01.26	1216.01.	1923.01.	2630.01.	0206.02.	0913.02.	1620.02.	2327.02	0206.03.	0913.03.	1620.03.	2327.03.	30.0303.04.
1		German course 1 (level A1.1)	6	registration 124.9. online, placement test 30.9. at 10 am online							Fri 1	4-18															
1		German course 2 (level A1.2)	6	registration 124.9. online, placement test 30.9. at 10 am online							Wed 12-1	4, Fri 10-12															
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1/3		Lab Animal Science													1				Mo-Fr 8-18 lab								
1/3	neu242	Computational Neurosci: Encoding & Decoding	6																		0-16 lecture (requires pro						
1/3		Intensive German course (level B2.1)	6																	Mo-Fr in ti	he morning						
1/3		Intensive German courses (levels A1.1, A2.1, or B2.2)	6																					Mo-Fr in th	e morning		
1/3	neu830	Introduction to the neuroanatomy of the brain														Mo 14-15 meeting							Mo-F lecture/e	r 8-12 exercises			
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1/3	neu820	Neuroscience Journal Club																						Thu 14-16 meeting		Mo-Thu semi	i 9-16 inar
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3	bio845	Introduction Development & Evolution	6			Mo-Thu 9-	-13 lecture																				
3	bio846	Lab Exercises Development & Evolution	6						(prerequi	Mo-Fri 8-16 la isite: bio845 8	ab, & lab skills)																
3	bio605	Molecular genetics & cell biology	12			ed,Thu 8-10 le o-Fri 10-18 la		Mo,Wed, Thu 8-12	Fr 8-13 seminar																		
3	neu320	Introduction to Neurophysics	6					0-12	Wed 8-10	& Thu 16-18	lecture / exer	cises (require	s Matlab prog	ramming)													
3	neu725	Multivariate Statistics in R	6							Tue 16-18	3, Thu 14-16 s	eminar, Fri 10	-12 lecture														
3	neu900	Neurocognition of Music																									
3	neu900	Recent skills: Hands-on fMRI data analysis (SPM12)		Mo 29.9Thu 2.10. 9-17 computer exercises																							
3	neu810	International Meeting Contribution																									
3	neu600	Neuroscience Research Project	15								А	ny time for 3 r	nonth full-time	(including	preparation a	ind report) or	part-time option	ons for longer	period: 450 l	n total worklo	ad						
3	neu610	External Research Project	15							any t	time for appro	ximately 12 w	eeks full-time	(e.g. 7 wee	ks lab + prep	aration + repo	rt), or longer	part-time option	ons (individua	al projects): 4	50 h total wor	rkload					
4	mam	Master Thesis Module	30											any time for	max. 6 mont	hs after registr	ation. 900h to	otal workload.									

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ECTS		Module	Ne urobi ological background (e.g. ne u	Programming skills Python or Matlab (eg.	Lab skills (eg. 6.03.003)	Other skills / conditions	Introductory Statistics	Introduction Lab Techniques	Molecular genetics & cell biology	Introduction to Development & Evolution	Lab Development & Evolution	Biological foundations of neuroscience	Neuroscientific data analysis in Python	Recent Skills for Neuroscience (fMRI)	Neurosensory Science & Behavior	Neurocognition & Psychopharmacology	Comp. Neuro.: Biophysical Models	Biochemical Concepts in Signal Transduction	Introduction to neurophysics	Multivariate statistics	Microscopic Imaging	Neurocognition of Music	Perceptual Illusions	Communicating Neuroscience	German course 1 (level A1.1)	German course 2 (level A1.2)	Lab ani mal sci ence	Comp. Neuro.:Encoding & Decoding	Introduction neuroanatomy of the brain	Introduction to Matlab	Scientific English	Neurosci ence j ournal club	Compact German course (level B2.	Compact German course(levels A1.1, A2.
0	6.03.001	Introductory Statistics (optional / admission condition)						1	√	1	√	1	1	1	1	√	V	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	<u> </u>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	1
0	6.03.003	Introduction Lab Techniques (optional / adm. condition)		1			1		X	·	X	√	✓	1	1		1	1	✓	✓	√		√	✓	<u> </u>	✓	1	· /	*	1	1	1	*	1
6	bio605 bio845	Molecular genetics & cell biology Introduction to Development & Evolution	×		х	organismic, developmental, evolutionary biology, genetics	1	X ✓	x	X	X ✓	x	x	✓	*	✓	*	*	x	x	X ✓	X ✓	X ✓	X ✓	X ✓	x	√	√	√	*	√	✓	√	·
6	bio846	Lab Development & Evolution	×		×	bio846 completed	√	X	X	1		X	Х	V	V	V	✓	√	X	Х	1	✓	V	4	Х	Х	V	√	V	V	V	V	1	-
6	neu350	Biological foundations of neuroscience					1	1	X	Х	X		1	V	V	V	✓	1	X	1	✓	1	1	1	✓	✓	1	V	1	V	V	✓	1	1
6	neu715	Neuroscientific data analysis in Python					✓	V	X	X	X	√		V	1	V	V	*	1	X	1	✓	V	1	✓	√	✓	V	V	V	4	1	√	1
3	neu900	Hands-on fMRI data analysis	×	х		psy270 (summer) completed	>	✓	V	*	*	1	*		V	*	*	1	*	→	*	✓	✓	1	✓	1	>	1	>	*	>	*	*	*
9	neu210	Neurosensory Science & Behavior	х				¥	1	√	1	1	√	1	√		V	√	X	✓	√	✓	1	√	✓	✓	V	\	1	\	1	V	✓	✓	√
6	neu220	Neurocognition & Psychopharmacology	х				1	1	1	1	1	✓	✓	1	✓		✓	X	√	X	√	1	1	1	✓	√	1	1	✓	✓	1	✓	✓	✓
6	neu246	Computational Neuroscience: Biophysical Models	×	×			*	1	✓	1	*	✓	1	1	V	√		X	1	X	1	✓	1	1	✓	X	4	1	*	1	4	*	✓	*
12	bio695	Biochemical Concepts in Signal Transduction	х	1	×		✓	*	✓	✓	1	√	1	✓	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	1	✓	√	✓	✓
6	neu320	Introduction to neurophysics		x		statistics, analysis, linear algebra	1	1	X	X	X	X	1	1	✓	✓	✓	X		✓	1	1	X	1	✓	1	1	1	1	1	1	✓	✓	✓
- 6	neu725	Multivariate statistics		×			√	1	X	X	X	-√	X	√	√	X	X	X	V		X	√	1	1	<u> </u>	X	✓_	√	√	√	√	√	√	V
3	gsw200	Microscopic Imaging					1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	√	√	√	X	4	X ✓	1	✓	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	√	√	√	1	√
3	neu900 neu840	Neurocognition of Music Perceptual Illusions	x	1			7	∀	X	-	· /	· /	· /	1	· /	∀	· ·	X	X	·	· /	1			<u>√</u>	· /	· /	· /	· /	∀	· /	1	√	· ·
3	neu790	Communicating Neuroscience	_ ^				∀	1	X	∀	· /	∀	∀	1	· /	∀	· ·	X	<u>^</u>	·	∀	X	1	_	-	· /	∀	✓	· /	∀	· /	· /	∀	∀
6		German course 1 (level A1.1)				placement test	*	7	X	7	X	7	7	▼	▼	▼	▼	X	▼	· /	·	<u>^</u>	7	1	•	7	*	· /	7	-	▼	· /	0	0
6		German course 2 (level A1.2)				placement test	1	1	X	X	X	1	1	1	1	1	X	X	7	X	7	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
3	neu751	Lab animal science					1	1	√	7	··	1	1	1	1	√	~	√	1	<u>~</u>	7	√ ·	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	X	✓
6	neu242	Computational Neuroscience: Encoding & Decoding	×	х			V	V	V	✓	V	V	✓	V	V	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	V	✓	V	V	√	✓	V		V	4	✓	✓	Х	✓
3	neu830	Introduction to the neuroanatomy of the brain					✓	V	V	1	V	1	1	V	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	V	✓	*	✓	1	V	V	1		4	√	V	✓	X
3	neu800	Introduction to Matlab					V	✓	1	1	V	1	1	√	✓	√	✓	1	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	1	\	1	1		√	V	1	X
6	neu760	Scientific English					\	✓	√	\	✓	√	V	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	4	✓	✓	\	✓	\	✓		X	▲	X
3	neu820	Neuroscience journal club	х				V	✓	1	1	V	V	1	1	1	\	V	1	V	√	V	√	✓	1	1	✓	\	√	\	\	X		→	X
6		Compact German course (level B2.1)				placement test	✓.	1	√	1	V	V	1	V	V	V	V	1	V	1	✓.	✓.	V	V	0	0	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓		0
6		Compact German course (levels A1.1, A2.1, B2.2)				placement test	V	1	V	V	✓	V	✓	✓	1	√	✓	*	✓	✓	1	√	✓	✓	0	0	V	✓	X	X	X	X	0	

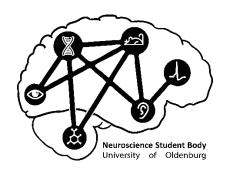
Preliminary planned time slots for M.Sc. Neuroscience modules in summer term 2025. Please check Stud.IP for updates!

	no.	Module	ECTS	Week 1 0711.4.	Week 2 1418.4	Week 3 2125.4.	Week 4 28.0402.05.	Week 5 0509.05.	Week 6 1216.5.	Week 7 1923.5	Week 8 2630.5	Week 9 0206.6.	Week 10 0913.6.	Week 11 1620.6.	Week 12 2327.6.	Week 13 30.604.7.	Week 14 0711.7.	Week 15 0812.7.	Semester break 21.07-30.09.
	psy270	Functional MRI analysis	9	Мо			, Thu 10 - 12, Ved 13-14 co			olus									
<u>\$</u>	neu141	Visual neuroscience - Physiology & Anatomy	12	Mo - T	hu 9 - 12	lecture	Mo -	Thu 9 - 16	ab exerc	ise									
<u> </u>	neu380	Neuroethology & - genetics: Insect Model	6		r 8 - 10 se 0 - 16 lab e														
<u> </u>	neu400	Acoustic communication & behaviour in insects	6					r 8 - 10 sen) - 16 lab ex											
<u> </u>	neu751	Laboratory animal science	3			Check Stu	d.IP for dates and e		of seminar	Full time lab									
	neu360	Auditory Neuroscience	6								Mo-Wed 9-12	Mo-Fri 10-12	Tue-Fri by individual timing	Mo-Fri 9-12		ri morning or rvision mee			
\Box	neu310	Psychophysics of hearing	12										minar Mo,Tue, - experiments a						
	neu250	Computational Neurosci Statistical Learning	6									Mo-Fr 9-1							
<u>&</u>	neu340	Invertebrate Neurophysiology	6									- Fr 8 - 10 s r 10 - 16 lab							
	neu650	Neuroscience team project	9											Mo - F		ninar, 10-16 dual team p		ork on	
	neu730	Biosciences in public eye and law	6						Mond	ay & Thurso	day 16-18, s	seminar							
	neu820	Neuroscience Journal Club - Ophthalmology	3							Thursday 1	6-18, semin	nar							
	neu900	What do illusions teach us about perception?	3							Monday 16	i-18, semina	ar							
	neu900	Hearing disorders and rehabilitation	3							Monday 16	i-18, semina	ar							
	neu810	International Meeting Contribution	3					any	time, poste	r or oral pre	sentation a	t internation	nal conference,	workshop	or summer	school			
□	neu600	Neuroscience Research Project	15			i	any time for a	pproximate	ly 12 weeks	s full-time (e	e.g. 7 weeks	s lab + prep	aration + repor	t), or longe	r part-time	options (inc	lividual pro	jects)	
<u> </u>	neu610	External Research Project	15				any time for a	oproximate	ly 12 weeks	s full-time (e	e.g. 7 weeks	s lab + prep	aration + repor	t), or longe	r part-time	options (inc	lividual pro	jects)	
□	mam	Master Thesis Module	30								any ti	ime for max	. 6 months						
Module	types:		f	ull-time cou	ırses with fi	xed time sl	ots, take only	one at a tir	me				part-time o	ourses with	n fixed time	slots, which	h can be ta	ken in paral	el
Active p	articipati	on: 虔 Experimenta	ıl lab	Co	mputer exe	ercises	Semir	nar											

first period (April-May 23)									second	period (May 2	26-July)		1	weekly course	es, both period	s	Required prior knowledge / skills						
	Summer	term 2025	psy270	neu141	neu380	neu400	neu751	neu360	neu310	neu250	neu340	neu650	neu730	neu820	neu900	neu900							
ECTS		Modules	Functional MRI analysis	Visual neuroscience - Physiology & Anatomy	Neuroethology & - genetics: Insect Model	Acoustic communication & behaviour in insects	Laboratory animal science	Auditory Neuroscience	Psychophysics of hearing	Computational Neurosci Statistical Learning	Invertebrate Neurophysiology	Neuroscience team project	Biosciences in public eye and law	Neuros cience Journal Gub - Ophthalmology	What do illusions teach us about perception?	Hearing disorders and rehabilitation	Neurobiological background (eg. neu350)	Programming skills Python (eg.neu715) or Matlab (eg. Neu710)	Lab skills (eg. 6.03.003)	Other skills / prerequisites			
9	psy270	Functional MRI analysis		х	X	X	X	✓	*	1	✓	✓	✓	1	1	1		х					
12	neu141	Visual neuroscience - Physiology & Anatomy	X		х	х	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	4	V	✓	1	✓	х	х	х				
6	neu380	Neuroethology & -genetics: Insect Model	х	х		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	4	V	✓	✓	✓	х	х	х				
6	neu400	Acoustic communication & behaviour in insects	х	х	1		х	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	✓	✓	1	✓	х	х	x				
3	neu751	Laboratory animal science	х	х	1	х		✓	✓	✓	✓	√	x	х	х	X							
6	neu360	Auditory Neuroscience	1	✓	1	✓	✓		✓	х	X	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	х						
12	neu310	Psychophysics of hearing	1	✓	1	✓	✓	✓		х	X	X	V	✓	✓	✓		х					
6	neu250	Computational Neurosci Statistical Learning	1	1	1	1	✓	х	х		х	✓	1	✓	1	✓		х		basic statistics, analysis, linear algebra			
6	neu340	Invertebrate Neurophysiology	1	1	1	✓	✓	х	х	х		1	V	✓	1	✓	х	х	х	_			
9	neu650	Neuroscience team project	1	1	✓	1	✓	x	х	✓	✓		✓	✓	1	✓	х	x	x	neu340 OR neu250 / neu242 / neu246 completed			
6	neu730	Biosciences in public eye and law	1	1	1	1	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		х	х	X							
3	neu820	Neuroscience Journal Club - Ophthalmology	1	1	1	✓	х	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	х		1	✓							
3	neu900	What do illusions teach us about perception?	1	1	1	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	V	х	✓		x	х						
3	neu900	Hearing disorders and rehabilitation	1	4	1	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	4	x	1	x								

Notes:

- If there is any overlap at all between the courses they will be marked red in the chart. If the overlap refers to lecture courses it would possible to still be
- Research projects and Masterthesis are not assigned to you. Please get in contact directly with the lab managers to find a place and a topic of interest.
- If you do a research module or master thesis, you need to agree with your supervisor on the time slots for taking skills and / background modules in parallel. (Parallel coursework extends the period of a research module.)



Information for international students

Dear international student,

We look forward to welcoming you to Oldenburg as a new member of our international study program!

We have put here together a few tips to make your transition easier. However, before getting to them, we must inform you (again!) of two important steps you need to complete so you can start your studies.

First, confirm that you wish to enroll by registering via email with the Registrar's Office by the date given in your admission letter. For this you need to have a health insurance valid in Germany and pay the semester contribution. Upon completion, you will be granted access to Stud.IP, the online portal of the university that you will use throughout your studies.

Second, once you arrive in Oldenburg, you have to present your documents **in original** (i.e Bachelor's degree, language certificate, transcript of records) at the Registrar's Office in order to complete your enrollment and receive your Campus Card (i.e. your student ID that will grant you some benefits, such as travelling with local public transport for free).

With that being said, let's get to our ''tips & tricks'' of surviving and then thriving in Oldenburg.

We strongly recommend you move to Oldenburg before the lecture period starts. At first, everything will take time: finding stuff in the supermarket, getting around campus, and, the "scariest" of them all, German bureaucracy. However, with us at your side, you can get to know your fellow students and professors in a pleasant atmosphere during the Orientation Week! You can also explore the city and, most important, identify your favorite coffee place!:)

As a student body, we do our best to help you. However, since we are students just like you, our knowledge is not complete in all areas, and we cannot answer all of your questions. Lucky for you, there are other organizations that specialize in what you need to know! Please find some them below and do not hesitate to contact them.



The International Office provides information about organizing your stay and studies in Oldenburg, costs and scholarships, and much more. Have a look at their website:

http://www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/iso

They also organize the Welcome Week, a week meant for all new international students, and weekend trips to nearby cities. These provide an excellent opportunity for you to make friends from other study programs. This year it is

scheduled for 29 September - 2 October, 2025.

Make sure you apply for the buddy program as well! --> https://uol.de/en/buddy/international Please check their website for program updates:

https://uol.de/en/io/study-in-oldenburg/welcome-week

The Language Center

A wide variety of language courses are offered at the Language Center. If you wish to sign up for German classes, you must take the placement test before. Please check the date (on the link below) and register for the test on Stud.IP (or contact the language center via email if you have not received your Stud.IP credentials before the test date). Make sure you sign up for the courses as soon as you receive your placement test result, as the places are limited!



Regular German courses take place 6 hours per week during the semester, but are often difficult to combine with M.Sc. Neuroscience modules. Therefore, we recommend intensive German courses of 100 hours in total, which take place in September and March.

https://uol.de/en/intensive-german-courses

The cost of attending a German course (€ 250) will be covered by the M.Sc. program and up to 6 ECTS (ungraded) can be credited as free electives.

For more details, have a look here: https://uol.de/en/school3/language-centre/languages

Initial procedure after arriving - Getting registered

The first administrative procedure you need to deal with when you arrive in Oldenburg is to register your living address. This is mandatory, as you will need the city registration certificate (the so called "Anmeldebescheinigung") to open a bank account.

To register, you should first make an appointment at the Citizens' Registration Office ("Bürgerbüro") in Oldenburg. You can do this easily online. However, getting an appointment usually takes a long time and therefore we advise you to make it as soon as possible. At the appointment, you need to bring a few documents, among which is the 'Wohnungsgeberbestätigung", a document that must be signed by your landlord.

Click on the following links for more information:

https://www.oldenburg.de/microsites/welcome-center/arriving-in-oldenburg/registration.html https://www.iamexpat.de/expat-info/official-issues/registration-germany

Opening a German bank account

The most common and most student-friendly bank is the "Landessparkasse zu Oldenburg (LZO)". In my experience, you do not need an appointment to open a bank account, but some branches might request it.

Things you will need to bring are:

- Your passport/ID
- Visa or residence permit (if applicable)
- The city registration certificate (i.e. "Anmeldebescheinigung")

In order to have a free student bank account you need to also provide them with a confirmation of enrollment (can be downloaded from stud.IP if you click on Study data --> Student Service --> Requested Reports --> "Immatrikulationsbescheinigung").

Other options for bank accounts and more information:

https://nomadgate.com/best-banks-international-travel/

https://www.how-to-germany.com/bank-accounts/

https://www.iamexpat.de/expat-info/banking-in-germany/how-to-open-german-bank-account

Obtaining German health insurance

There are different things to do to get a German health insurance certificate, depending on your home country and your current health insurance situation. *The Techniker Krankenkasse (TK)* has an information video in English that explains this topic, which you can access via the following link https://www.tk.de/vertriebspartner/service/filme/auslaendische-studierende-2073408?tkcm=ab

Things you are going to need:

- A German bank account
- Two recent passport photos
- Your passport
- Letter of Acceptance
- Undergraduate education certificate

Note: It is very important that your document shows the year in which you started your studies and the year in which you finished them. Most transcripts will have the semester you started and the year you finished on it.

If applying in person:

Bring the information listed above to an office of the Insurance Company and they will help you get enrolled. You will have a document to enroll at Oldenburg University when you leave. Once you receive your "Immatrikulationsbescheinigung" after you've completed enrolling at Oldenburg University, you will need to send it to the Insurance Company. They will then tell you the next steps to complete your insurance (giving them your passport photos for an insurance card, etc.)

If applying from abroad:

Simply request a Student Insurance Application from the insurance company of your choice. Send them a copy of your acceptance letter if they ask for proof of enrollment. When you receive your "Immatrikulationsbescheinigung" after completing your enrollment at Oldenburg University, you will send it to the insurance company, just as if you were applying in person. They will then tell you the next steps to complete your insurance.

Notes:

- The most common public health insurance company for international students is the TK insurance company. You will see on google maps that there is an office of this company in the main campus. However, it has been closed for a while now. Please go to the other location.
- If you choose a private company, you will need to get a letter of exemption from a German state insurance company (i.e. TK or BARMER). You can go in person to ask for it or do this online for TK using the link provided below. If you apply online, they will send the exemption directly to the university. Do not worry if you do not hear from them. If you have a private health insurance as part of a DAAD scholarship, BARMER will not provide an exemption. Please go to TK.

https://www.tk.de/techniker/befreiung-krankenversicherungspflicht-studierende-2110466

Finding accommodation

As this can be quite a challenge at the beginning of the semester, we recommend you start looking for a place to live as soon as you decided you want to study in Oldenburg. Below you can find a quite comprehensive guide to help you complete this quest.

https://uol.de/en/students/campus-life/accommodation

Good places for hangout and networking

As moving abroad is not exactly easy, we recommend you do not stay locked up in your room and mingle with your colleagues as much as possible. While we know it is hard to speak up, once you start talking about your experience with other people, you will learn that they too miss their family and friends from home, finding their favorite snacks in the supermarket, and seeing a movie in the cinema with subtitles in their native language. Apart from talking to your colleagues before or after class, we also suggest trying the events/places listed below.

- the Orientation Week, organized by us, the Student Body Neuroscience
- the Welcome Week, organized by the International Office
- social events and day trips organized by the International Office (follow them on Instagram, they always announce them there in time --> @international.tutors)
- Pinte, the most frequented (and cheap!) student pub (on instragram @pinte.42)
- the library café in Haarentor campus
- Cheer-up meetings for international students (link below for sign up)

https://uol.de/en/orientationplus/international-students

- Seeing a movie at Unikino GEGENLICHT (https://gegenlicht.net/)
- Other events advertised on stud.IP (Start page --> Announcements)

Other helpful websites

https://asta-oldenburg.de/

https://howtogermany.com/

https://www.iamexpat.de/